

Carolyn McCarthy

Transportation Accomplishments - 108th Congress

Traditionally New Yorkers pay far more into the federal government than the amount the state receives in funding. Transportation is the one area in which New Yorkers have received a fair return on their tax dollar as New York's transportation interests are so vital to the nation's economy. In 2003, Congresswoman McCarthy ensured New Yorkers will continue to receive its fair share of federal transportation spending. The Congresswoman also realizes that the nation's transportation system must be enhanced in order to face the challenges and perils of the 21st Century.

MAINTAINED NEW YORK'S TRANSPORTATION FUNDING LEVELS

- ✓ As a member of the FAIR Alliance (Fair Alliance for Intermodal Reinvestment), Congresswoman McCarthy worked to beat back an effort to alter the funding formula's for federal highway funding allocations. New York stood to lose over \$300 million under the new plan.

LOCAL PROJECTS RECEIVE FUNDING

- ✓ Congresswoman McCarthy worked with the House Committee on Appropriations to secure funding for the following local transportation projects:
 - \$1.2 million for Nassau County's efforts to improve the Nassau HUB.
 - \$1 million for MTA/Long Island Bus to purchase clean fuel cell buses.
 - \$75,000 for the Town of North Hempstead, New York for streetscape, facade and building renovation in New Cassel.

PROTECTING OUR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- ✓ Congresswoman McCarthy co-sponsored HR 580, the Commercial Airline Missile Defense Act. The bill requires all turbojet aircraft of air carriers be equipped with a missile defense system. Requires the Defense Department to purchase these defense systems and make them available to all air carriers.

- ✓ Congresswoman McCarthy co-sponsored HR 1889 (Transportation/Homeland Security) Flight Attendant Certification Act - Amends Federal transportation law to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to prescribe standards for cabin crew training and certification for individuals working in an aircraft cabin on board a transport category aircraft with twenty or more seats.
- ✓ Congresswoman McCarthy co-sponsored HR 2455, the Universal Screening of Air Cargo Act. The bill ensures the security screening of all cargo transported in passenger aircraft meeting the same standards established to screen passenger baggage.
- ✓ Congresswoman McCarthy co-sponsored HR 580, the Commercial Airline Missile Defense Act. The bill mandates and issues regulations requiring turbojet aircraft of air carriers to be equipped with missile defense systems.